GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:65
ANSWERED ON:20.11.2007
LANGUAGE OF ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether entrance examinations to premier Central Government educational institutions are conducted only in English;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government to include other languages in the entrance examinations to enable students from rural areas of the country to get admission in the premier educational institutions?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (c) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 65 REGARDING LANGUAGE OF ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS ASKED BY DR. R. SENTHIL TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.11.2007

(a) to (c) : While the Entrance Examinations such as Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE), Joint Management Entrance Test (JMET) and Joint Admission Test to M.Sc (JAM) for admission into Post Graduate courses in IITs and Common Admission Test (CAT) for admission into Post Graduate Diploma in Business Management in IIMs, are conducted only in English, question papers of entrance examinations such a s Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) for admission into undergraduate courses in IITs, All India Engineering Entrance Examination (AIEEE) for admission into undergraduate courses in National Institutes of Technology (NITs), etc. and All India Pre-Medical/Pre-Dental Entrance Examination (AIPMT) for admission into medical/dental colleges, are both in Hindi and English languages. Preparation of Question Papers in different regional languages is to b e decided by the organizing Institutes/Bodies, which review from time to time, the entrance examination process and take necessary action wherever needed.